IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Werner Josef FRANTSITS

Continuation of S.N. 09/460,769

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AQUEOUS FORMULATION OF BETA CAROTENE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following:
--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 09/460,769, filed December 14, 1999.--.

Respectfully submitted,

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